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## **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1045**

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING THE SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROCLAMATION OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1       Whereas, on November 29, 1947, the United Nations General Assembly  
2 voted to partition the British Mandate of Palestine and create a Jewish  
3 state; and

4       Whereas, on May 14, 1948, the people of Israel proclaimed the  
5 establishment of the sovereign and independent State of Israel, and the  
6 United States Government established full diplomatic relations with Israel;  
7 and

8       Whereas, the impulse to establish the independent State of Israel, with  
9 the city of Jerusalem as its capital, is an outgrowth of the existence of the  
10 historic kingdom of Israel established in the Land of Israel three thousand  
11 years ago; and

12       Whereas, for over two thousand years, there has been continuous Jewish  
13 presence and residence in the land comprising the modern State of Israel; and

14       Whereas, the establishment of the modern State of Israel as a homeland  
15 for the Jewish people followed the slaughter of more than six million  
16 European Jews during the Holocaust; and

17       Whereas, since its establishment sixty years ago, the State of Israel  
18 has rebuilt a nation, forged a new and dynamic democratic society and created  
19 a thriving economic, political, cultural and intellectual life despite the  
20 heavy costs of war, terrorism and unjustified diplomatic and economic  
21 boycotts against the people of Israel; and

22       Whereas, the people of Israel have established a vibrant, pluralistic,  
23 democratic political system, including freedom of speech, association and  
24 religion; a vigorously free press; free, fair and open elections; the rule of  
25 law; a fully independent judiciary, and other democratic principles and  
26 practices; and

27       Whereas, Israel has developed some of the leading universities in the  
28 world, and eight Israeli citizens have been awarded the Nobel Prize; and

29       Whereas, Israel has developed an advanced, entrepreneurial economy, is  
30 among the world's leaders in high-tech industry and is at the forefront of  
31 research and development in the field of renewable energy sources; and

32       Whereas, Israel regularly sends humanitarian aid, search and rescue  
33 teams, mobile hospitals, and other emergency supplies, to help victims of  
34 disasters around the world, including the 1994 Rwandan civil war, the 1998  
35 bombing of the United States Embassy in Kenya, the 1999 earthquakes in  
36 Turkey, the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, the 2005 hurricanes along the southern  
37 coast of the United States and the 2007 fires in Greece; and

38       Whereas, Israel has absorbed millions of Jews from countries throughout  
39 the world and fully integrated them into Israeli society; and

40       Whereas, Israel has bravely defended itself from repeated terrorist and  
41 military attacks since its independence; and

42       Whereas, successive leaders of Israel have sought to achieve peace with  
43 Israel's Arab neighbors; and

1       Whereas, Israel has established peaceful bilateral relations with  
2 neighboring Egypt and Jordan and has made its desire to establish peaceful  
3 relations with all Arab states abundantly clear; and

4       Whereas, for six decades, the United States and Israel have maintained  
5 a special relationship based on mutually shared democratic values, common  
6 strategic interests and moral bonds of friendship and mutual respect; and

7       Whereas, the citizens of Arizona feel a strong affinity for the Israeli  
8 people based on common values and shared cultural heritage; and

9       Whereas, the United States and the State of Arizona continue to regard  
10 Israel as a strong and trusted ally and an important strategic partner.

11 Therefore

12 Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of  
13 Representatives concurring:

14       1. That the members of the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

15       (a) Recognize the historic significance of the sixtieth anniversary of  
16 the reestablishment of the sovereign and independent State of Israel as a  
17 homeland for the Jewish people.

18       (b) Commend the people of Israel for their remarkable achievements in  
19 building a new state and a pluralistic, democratic society in the face of  
20 terrorism, hostility, ostracism and belligerence from many of their  
21 neighbors.

22       (c) Extend the warmest congratulations and best wishes to the State of  
23 Israel and the Israeli people for a peaceful, prosperous and successful  
24 future.

25       2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit a copy  
26 of this Resolution to the President of the State of Israel, the Chairman of  
27 the Knesset, the Israeli ambassador to the United States and the Consulate  
28 General of Israel in Los Angeles, California.

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